

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROPOSING A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to this proposal to amend the U.S. Constitution. This amendment, if ratified, would likely result in devastating cuts to programs like Social Security and Medicare that would harm Oregonians and families around the country. H.J. Res. 2, the Balanced Budget Amendment, would require the federal government to cut any spending that is not fully offset by incoming revenue, including spending on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. I agree that Congress must act in a fiscally responsible manner, and we owe it to our children and grandchildren to not leave them with a country that has a significant debt burden. But there are many ways to be fiscally responsible, including finding smarter, better ways to provide important services and by making investments that actually grow the economy.

It is important to note that the majority is bringing this measure to the floor for a vote now, not long after the passage of their partisan tax bill that will further exacerbate income inequality and explode our deficit by about \$1.9 trillion dollars. Our seniors deserve better than having their Social Security benefits—which they have earned over a lifetime of hard work—jeopardized under the guise of fiscal responsibility. If my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are serious about reining in federal spending, we should look to commonsense reforms, not across-the-board measures that put Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid at risk.

REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of Holocaust Remembrance Week to honor the millions of lives lost during this horrific period in history.

Fueled by hatred, Nazis brutally imprisoned and murdered more than 6 million Jewish men, women, and children—as well as hundreds of thousands of other victims—resulting in the largest systematic genocide the world has ever witnessed.

Listening to the heart wrenching stories of Holocaust survivors should solidify our commitment to stop this from ever happening again.

I am troubled by a recent study which found that an alarming 66 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 years old cannot

explain the significance of Auschwitz, the concentration camp where Nazis killed 1.1 million people during World War II.

To me, this is a clear sign that now—more than ever—it is vital to educate our younger generations and continue to condemn and denounce the actions of the Nazi regime.

As the years pass, there are fewer brave survivors left to tell their stories, and, unfortunately, there are still acts of genocide occurring around the world.

The United States should do everything in its power to help prevent these atrocious acts from occurring, which is why I am proud to co-sponsor the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act.

This legislation strengthens the U.S. government's ability to prevent and respond to genocide, war crimes, and other crimes against humanity.

The Nazis used fear and hatred to attempt the elimination of an entire population of people. Without intervention, they may have succeeded.

As Elie Wiesel, a courageous Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate, said, "Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair."

It is our moral responsibility as the world's most powerful nation to never forget and to stand up against violence, racism, and genocide across the globe.

As we honor Holocaust Remembrance Week, let this be a reminder of our responsibility to educate younger generations.

Today, I stand with my colleagues to honor, pray for, and remember the victims of the Holocaust. May we recognize and improve upon mistakes in our past, so we are not condemned to repeat history in the future.

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SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Holocaust Remembrance Week and the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

The Holocaust was the systematic persecution of six million Jews by the Nazi regime. This week, we remember the millions of people who suffered from these crimes. This year is also the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, when the remaining imprisoned Jews rose up against the Nazi SS.

I am dedicated to honoring the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. That is why funding of the Holocaust Memorial Museum is essential. It is also imperative to provide assistance to those who survived the Holocaust, which is why I support funding for the Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program.

I encourage my fellow Members of Congress to join me in remembering the six million people who died in the Holocaust. With our continued efforts to fund the Holocaust Memo-

rial Museum and the Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program, we may continue to honor the legacy of those who perished.

RECOGNIZING LONNIE BELL

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lonnie Bell, a Montanan who shared his warmth, wit, and talents with hundreds of thousands over his seven decades as a country music disc jockey.

Bell, a Navy veteran with 20 years of service, began entertaining audiences while stationed in Oahu in 1953. For the next 30 years, he combined genuine love for country music with his authentic and unpretentious broadcast style in stations around the country. Bell made Montana his permanent home in 1964.

In 1985, Bell began his second radio career, hosting a popular Sunday country music program until last month. In March, the Country Music Disc Jockey Hall of Famer signed off the air with his final broadcast from Billings.

Along the way, Bell, an accomplished musician, helped country music legends Charlie Pride and Loretta Lynn find their way to stardom.

It is my honor to recognize Lonnie Bell for his countless contributions to country music and to our Montana way of life.

CONGRATULATING MS. SHERI CAINE ON RECEIVING THE 2018 NORTHRUP GRUMMAN FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE IN ENGINEERING EDUCATION AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Sheri Caine, a teacher at Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn, Illinois, for receiving this year's Northrup Grumman Foundation Excellence in Engineering Education award. The National Science Teachers Association presented Ms. Caine with the award in March at their National Conference on Science Education. As an engineer, a former teacher, and strong proponent of STEM education, I am especially proud to recognize this tremendous accomplishment.

For the last 10 years, Ms. Caine has been teaching all levels of chemistry and physics at Richards High School. Throughout her teaching career, she has earned a reputation for engaging students in the classroom and urging them to think about science both theoretically and as a tool to solve real world problems. In the lesson plan she created to meet

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